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"Method and Apparatus for Producing a Data Stream of Code Words of Variable Lengths and Method and Apparatus for Reading a Data Stream of Code Words of Variable Lengths"

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Respectfully submitted,


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Field of the Invention

10 The present invention relates to encoding with code words of variable lengths and, in particular, to producing and reading data streams with code words of variable lengths, which are robust with regard to errors in transmission.

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Background of the Invention and Prior Art

Modern audio encoding or decoding methods which work by the MPEG layer 3 standard, for example, are capable of compressing the data rate of audio signals, e.g. by a factor 12, without noticeably degrading the quality thereof. In order to achieve such a high data rate reduction, an audio signal is sampled, whereby a sequence of discrete-time samples is obtained. As is known in the art, the sequence of discrete-time samples is windowed in order to obtain windowed blocks of time samples. A block of time-windowed samples is then transformed to the frequency range by means of a filter bank, a modified discrete cosine transform (MDCT) or other suitable device, in order to obtain spectral values which, as a whole, represent the audio signal, i.e. the time section determined by the block of discrete-time samples, in the frequency range. Usually, time blocks which overlap at 50% are produced and transformed to the frequency range by means of a MDCT whereby, due to the specific properties of the MDCT, 1024 discrete-time samples, for example, always lead to 1024 spectral values.

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